

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, BEXP, LI  
SUBJ: FLAT ROLLING MILL AT MISURATA

REFS: USDOC 6903, 76 TRIPOLI 1513, 76 TRIPOLI 1432

1. EMBOFF MET WITH GENERAL CORPORATION FOR IRON AND STEEL (GCIS) PROJECTS MANAGER IDRIS SHOUAIB APRIL 21 TO URGE FORWARDING PREQUALIFICATION FORMS TO ROMER AND ATTEMPT ELICIT FURTHER DETAILS ON MISURATA PROJECT.

2. PREQUALIFICATION FORMS: SHOUABI CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED ROMER'S REQUEST, AND SUGGESTS WATERBURY FARRELL (WF) SEND GCIS A PROPOSAL. IT CLEAR SHOUAIB DID NOT WANT EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN PREQUALIFICATION. SUGGEST WF CONTACT GCIS DIRECTLY AND CONSIDER FURTHER VISIT TRIPOLI.

3. STATUS PROJECT: SHOUABI SAYS GCIS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR "SECOND STAGE CONSULTANTS" AND THAT US FIRMS ARTHUR MCKEE, SWINDLER/DRESSER, SOROS ASSOCIATES AND MCCAUGHY, MARSHALL AND MCMILLAN WERE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION ALONG WITH DASTUR ENGINEERING, THE ORIGINAL CONSULTANTS. WE NOT ABLE ELICIT FURTHER INFORMATION ON EITHER CONSULTANCY OR OVERALL STATUS OF PROJECT.

4. U.S. PARTICIPATION: SHOUAIB SAYS LIBYAN GOVERN-  
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MENT WELCOMES PROPOSALS FROM U.S. FIRMS ON MISURATA STEEL COMPLEX. HOWEVER, HE SAID U.S. FIRMS SHOULD (A) ENSURE THAT COMPANY WILL NOT HAVE DIFFICULTIES COMPLYING WITH LIBYAN LAWS/REGULATIONS ENFORCING ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL AND (B) U.S. COMPANIES SHOULD BE ABLE ASSURE GCIS THAT COMPANY WILL NOT BE PREVENTED BY USG FROM CARRYING OUT CONTRACTS. SHOUAIB CITED

LIBYAN EXPERIENCE WITH PAGE AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT AND  
"SEVERAL" UNSPECIFIED OTHER INSTANCES U.S. TURNDOWNS  
OF CONTRACTS IN LIBYA. IN RESPONSE, EMBOFF BRIEFLY  
REVIEWED MUNITIONS CONTROL AND COMMERCE EXPORT  
APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTED THAT MISURATA  
CONTRACTS PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT REQUIRE USG APPROVAL.  
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